

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 03-11-13**

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For Work Week Commencing: November 10, 2003
Commission Meeting: November 13, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Communications N2003.6.80 (Scott)

On September 16, 2003, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 03-AC02, Revision to Percent Other Messages (POM). Qwest originally filed this tariff on June 17, 2003, Tariff Transmittal 03-AC01, Modification of intrastate jurisdictional reporting requirements for switched access traffic. The proposed access tariff will allow signaling customers who purchase out of the intrastate access tariff to self report, in addition to their Percent Interstate Usage (PIU), a Percent Other Message (POM) that will further categorize intrastate signaling messages that transverse Qwest signaling network. On July 15, 2003, at a regularly scheduled work session the Commission approved the tariffs on an interim basis subject to negotiation that were currently underway with

Illuminet, MITS and MTA. This revision reflects those negotiations. There are no revenue or rate impacts to Qwest or the customer with this filing. Qwest is requesting these tariffs become final.

2. Ronan Telephone Company N2003.8.125 (Scott)

On August 27, 2003, Ronan Telephone filed revision to its tariffs. This revision includes: 1) The General Regulations-Conditions of Offering, Schedule A, 2nd revised sheet 1 through Schedule A, original Sheet 13 have been reorganized. 2) The tariff also introduces a sixty-day guarantee for specific products. 3) The addition of a late payment charge in the amount of one-half percent per month on past due amounts over \$45. 4) Reiterates the terms of installation of new local service when a consumer has an unpaid bill and clarifies the payment of interest when a service deposit is required. 5) Revised tariff that will replace terms and conditions that have been in effect since 1980. 6) Increases the restoration charge to \$15.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. **11/10/03 9:30 a.m.** - D2002.12.153 – Qwest LD Corporation – Long Distance Tariff Transmittal – Placeholder to Discuss and Act on Pending Issues Prior to Hearing. (11/10/03)
2. D2003.1.8 – Blackfoot - Application for EAS. (11/13/03)
3. D2002.10.132, D2002.11.145, D2003.1.8, and D2003.6.84 – Triangle/Central, Northern, Blackfoot, Lincoln – Various Pending Applications for EAS. (11/13/03)
4. D2003.5.62 – Qwest – Triennial Review. (11/13/03)
5. FCC 96-45 – FCC's 10th Circuit Remand Order. (11/13/03)
6. L-03.9.4-RUL and L-03.9.3-RUL - PSC – Rulemakings, Pipeline Safety, et al., Line Moving. (11/13/03)
7. D2003.7.86 – NorthWestern Energy – QF Avoided Cost, QFLT-1, STPP-1. (11/13/03)
8. NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Get Direction on Any Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (11/13/03)

9. D98.12.289 – Treeline Springs LLC – Application for Final Water and Sewer Rates. (11/13/03)
10. **11/14/03 9:00 a.m.** – RTO West, MISO - Update on Regional Activities Affecting Montana. (11/14/03)

Other Meetings

11/12/03 9:00 a.m. D2002.12.153 – Qwest LD (Bollinger Room)

11/13/03 1:30 p.m. Rules Hearing HB641

11/13/03 3:00 p.m. D2002.12.153 – Qwest LD (Bollinger Room)

11/14/03 9:00 a.m. D2002.12.153 – Qwest LD (Bollinger Room)

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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1. YELLOWSTONE PIPELINE D2003.9.128 (JOEL)

On November 3, 2003, Yellowstone Pipeline Co. filed an application to decrease rates by 20% of the 53% increase granted to cover increased power costs in March of 2001. Yellowstone has requested a January 1, 2004 effective date.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2003.11.157 – Yellowstone Pipe Line Company – Proposed Montana Tariff No. 40
 D2003.11.158 - Qwest Corporation and Granite Telecommunications, LLC –
 Application for approval of Interconnection Agreement